

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 10/577,778
Applicants: Gavin W. Halbert & Sima Hayavi
Filed: January 8, 2007
Art Unit: 1636
Examiner: Catherine S. Hibbert
Title: CELL GROWTH

Confirmation No.: 6101

Docket No.: 031749/311275
Cust. No.: 00826
Date: July 1, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 1, 2009, where the claims were divided into three (3) groups, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims of Group I (*i.e.*, Claims 1-3). Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application on the non-elected subject matter or to take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

A Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently herewith.

Fees

A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response so that it will be deemed to have been timely filed. No other extension of time is believed due; however, if any additional extension is due, in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a petition for the appropriate extension and a request to charge the petition fee to Deposit Account

Appl No. 10/577,778
Amdt. dated: July 1, 2009
Reply to Restriction Requirement dated: May 1, 2009

No. 16-0605. Likewise, no additional fees are believed due; however, if any fees are due, in this or any subsequent response, please charge Deposit Account 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

/w. murray spruill/

W. Murray Spruill
Registration No. 32,943

Customer No. 00826
ALSTON & BIRD LLP
Bank of America Plaza
101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000
Charlotte, NC 28280-4000
Tel Raleigh Office: (919) 862-2200
Fax Raleigh Office: (919) 862-2260

ELECTRONICALLY FILED USING THE EFS-WEB ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE ON JULY 1, 2009.